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SUBJ: ARTICLE XXIV: 6 NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING DISCUSSION OTHER MATTERS, WE ASKED COLLINS AND JANSSEN OF EUROPEAN SERVICES IN FONMIN ABOUT PROGRESS ON EC POSITION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. THEY NOTED THAT XXIV:6 WAS NOT EVEN ON OCT 15 COUNCIL AGENDA AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE. WE STRESSED US INTEREST IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM, POINTING OUT THAT OUR LACK OF PUBLIC PRESSURE SHOULD NOT BE MISREAD AS A DECLINE IN OUR CONCERN. COLLINS MENTIONED THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE OF AMBASSADOR MALMGREN'S RECENT TALK WITH FONMIN DIRGEN FOR TRADE DE DOBBELEER ON XXIV:6, AND HOPED THAT QUESTION WILL BE TAKEN UP SERIOUSLY BY EC AT EARLY DATE.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN ASST CABINET CHIEF THUYSBAERT, ECOMCOUNS AGAIN URGED EARLIEST POSSIBLE
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ACTION ON XXIV:6, POINTING TO USG'S NEED TO SHOW CONGRESS

SOME PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE. THUYSBAERT MENTIONED THAT
SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS EXIST ON ALL BUT TEN OF EC COMMISSION'S
LIST OF SUGGESTED COMPENSATION ITEMS AND WAS DUBIOUS ABOUT
LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM. HE THOUGHT IT
WAS ALREADY TOO LATE FOR MATTER TO GET SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
AT NOV 5-6 COUNCIL MEETING. HE SAID NOTHING COULD BE DONE
UNTIL COMMISSION CAME FORWARD WITH NEW PROPOSAL AND WAS
PESSIMISTIC THAT OUTCOME WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO EITHER
SIDE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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